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1914.-15

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SUBJECT.

Failure on the part of Mr. V. L. Mander, Health Officer, to take active steps for the prevention of cholera in the St. during March 1914

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Sanitary)

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NOTES.

File No. 8-14

FILE HEADING.

Failure on the part of Mr. V. L. Maner to take active steps for the prevention of Cholera in the Kolar District.

From:

The Sanitary Commission

No. 127

Dated 7/7/14

Received 8/7/14

Diary No. 376

Enclos.

Spare Copies.

Serial No. /

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Reports that Mr. V. L. Maner, Health Officer, Kolar District, did not take active steps for the prevention and spread of Cholera in the Kolar District, during March 1914, though he was asked to remain in a station centrally situated in the affected area and submit daily report of the action taken by him.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

From the letter under disposal it is observed that Mr. Maner was looking after the Vice President's work at Kolar. The District Sanitary Officer is the Dy. Commissioner Assistant Sanitary and Health Officer and is directly subordinate to him. In technical and

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Scientific matters, he will be subject to the
orders of the Sanitary Board. (vide Govt. P.O.
no 3447-57 dated the 8th November 1911.)
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The Sanitary Board states that no reply from
the Dy. Board, Kolar District was received as to
his enquiring whether the Health Officer was detained
at Kolar in spite of the reported prevalence of
cholera in the district.

Submission for orders.

By S-7
11.7.14

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3 The Sanitary Commissioner may
be asked to communicate the Dy.
Commr's reply ^{to Govt} on receipt Draft letter
to that effect.

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Draft submission.

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By S-7
17.7.14

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Issue

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Submission 20/7

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To the Sanitary Commissioner, no 978 dated 24.7.14
Requests him to communicate the reply from
the Dy. Board, Kolar in the matter.

Serial
No.

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5 From the Sanitary Commission, No. 5498 29.7.14

Forwards copy of letter No. 5 dated the 28thJune 1914, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, explaining the necessity for the detention of Mr. Mancker at Kolar till the 6th April 1914.

Submitting for orders.

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1.8.14B28 & Considering that the Dy. Com. takes
2/8 the responsibility of having asked Mr.

Mancker to stay at Kolar, it appears clear

that Mr. Mancker must be held responsible for

the same time, it must be said that

it was his duty to impress on the D.C. the

danger of keeping away ^{not inspecting} from the infected

villages.

7 ^{Satisfactory} No explanation has been offered by the

Deputy Commissioner as to why the Health

officer was not directed to proceed to the infected

villages between the 18th March and 6th April

when the imported cases said to have occurred.

The info
may be called
for

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& draft submission.

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To the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District

No 1588 dated 12.8.14

Requests him to explain why Mr. Mancker was not directed to proceed to the infected villages between the 18th March & the 6th April 14 when cholera cases were reported in some of the taluqs in the Kolar District.

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From the Deputy Commissioner Kolar Dt.

No 244 dated 28.8.14

Submits the explanation called for in serial no. 4.

11 Mr. Mancker was asked by the Dy. Commr to look after the Vice President's duties of the Kolar Municipality, temporarily, in addition to his own. He was relieved of the Vice President's duty on the afternoon of the 16th April 1914.

Submitted for orders.

By 57
7.9.14

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12 In the light of the explanation now submitted in detail by the Dy. Commr, it was pointed out for orders whether any further action is necessary.

13 If the Dy. Commr's letter & the statement of cholera cases submitted by the Dy. Commr are compared, it will be seen that the Bagapalli Taluq was not reported to the Dy. Commr till the 24th of March. Such cases might have been

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reported immediately.

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14 Please put up a draft reading

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15 Draft submitted

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16 Draft may be app

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Member

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To The Sanitary Commissioner & the Dy. Commr. Kohat Dt., No 29/14-5
Dated 30.9.14.

Records A 5 explaining the circumstances under which Mr. W. H. Innes could not proceed to certain cholera infected villages between the 18th March & 6th April 1914 as directed by the Sanitary Commr.

Department of Public Health in Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER
WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated the 7th July 1914

No. 127
ENC. 1

for file no 8-14-1

From

T.V. Arumugam Mudaliar Esq., R.B.,
Sanitary Commissioner with
the Government of His Highness the
Maharajah of Mysore, BANGALORE.

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To

D.M. Narasinga Rao Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharajah of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that sporadic cases of Cholera were being reported in the Kolar District from the 18th March to the 2nd April 1914. The figures returned for the 6th April, in the daily return received from the Deputy Commissioner's Office on the 8th Idem, however, having indicated the prevalence of Cholera in the District to a somewhat alarming extent I wrote and asked the District Health Officer to submit a report as to the measures adopted by him to prevent the spread of the epidemic in the Chintamani, Bagepalli and Gudibanda Taluks, - at the same time instructing him to remain in a station centrally situated in the affected area and submit a daily report of the action taken by him. Not having heard in reply to this communication, I addressed the Deputy Commissioner, in my letter No. 4431 dated the 13th April 1914, pointing out that when Cholera is prevalent a Health Officer has no business elsewhere than in the

Department of Public Health in Mysore

From

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
GEN. & REV. DEPTTS,
BANGALORE.

Dated

7 - JUL 1913

Despatched

Received

General No.

127

No.

Enclosure No. 1

SUBJECT.

Re. the failure on
the part of Dr. V. L. Mankar
to take active steps for
the prevention of cholera
in the Kolar Dist.

midst of the affected locality and requesting that the Health Officer may be directed to proceed forthwith to the affected villages. In his letter No. 941 dated the 16th April 1914 the Health Officer reported that when it came to his notice " towards the close of March last that infection of Cholera had been imported in Goribidnur, Gudibanda, Chintamani and Bagepalli Taluks and was spreading the matter was placed before the Deputy Commissioner for instructions and again on the 8th and 13th Instant " and that " as per his orders necessary suggestions were issued to the respective Amildars advising measures to be adopted for checking the spread of Cholera ". He added that he was directed to proceed to Gudibanda " forthwith tomorrow the 17th Instant ". From the accompanying statement compiled from the daily returns received from the Deputy Commissioner's Office it will be seen that up to the 17th April Cholera had spread to a number of villages and had claimed as many as 95 persons as its victims. As Health Officer, it was his primary duty to have attended personally with the least possible lapse of time to the prevention of the spread of Cholera epidemics, yet he took no active steps to proceed without loss of time to the affected area. To my communication dated the ¹⁵~~16~~th April addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, I received the following reply on the 23rd Idem:

" I have the honor to state that the Health Officer has been accordingly directed and he is proceeding forthwith to the affected villages. His presence till now was necessary at Kolar where he was looking after the Vice President's work. He was relieved of this work on the 15th Instant and he would now be free to move about ".

It was clearly the Health Officer's duty to have pressed for relief immediately he was apprised of the prevalence of Cholera or to have proceeded forthwith

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forthwith in anticipation of permission from the Deputy Commissioner. The facts however reveal that his attitude in the matter was such as could hardly be characterised as other than passive. As this seems to me to be clearly a case of culpable neglect of duty on his part I regret to have to place the facts before Government for such orders as they may deem fit to pass on them.

2. I may add that to a further communication to the Deputy Commissioner dated the 2nd June 1914 enquiring whether the Health Officer was detained at Kolar in spite of the reported prevalence of Cholera in various places in the District, I have not been able to get a reply till now though a reminder was sent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. V. Chinnayyan
Sanitary Commissioner.

P.H.

Statement showing the prevalence of Cholera in the Kolar District during March & a portion of April 1914.
(up to 16.4.14)

Village	Taluk	Date of first attack	Date of last attack	Total attacks	Total Deaths
Peddew	Chintamani	15-3-1914	24-3-1914	3	2
Mamidikailapalli	Bagepalli	19-3-1914	28-3-1914	5	1
Chakirala	— DO —	19-3-1914	21-4-1914	15	4
Maraluru	Goribednur	22-3-1914	24-3-1914	2	2
Pesalapetthy	Bagepalli	22-3-1914	28-3-1914	2	2
Mummudiravapalli	— DO —	24-3-1914	30-3-1914	6	2
Roddakurged	Goribednur	24-3-1914	25-3-1914	1	1
Junjanahalli	Chintamani	26-3-1914	6-4-1914	14	9
Kaunampalli	Bagepalli	27-3-1914	10-4-1914	19	15
Jelupaliya	— DO —	28-3-1914	12-4-1914	31	17
Becchaganahalli	Gudibanda	30-3-1914	15-4-1914	38	23
Sridaravapalli	Bagepalli	1-4-1914	5-4-1914	5	2
Baiviganahalli	Srinivasapur	3-4-1914	6-4-1914	8	8
Radigaravahalli	Siddaghatta	6-4-1914	10-4-1914	8	5
Palkapaliya	Bagepalli	15-4-1914	16-4-1914	2	2
~~Koluru~~				159	95

S. V. Srinivasulu
Sanitary Commissioner

Diary No. of letter replied to 376

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Sanitary)

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Date of issue 22.7.14

Signed by Mr N. Mathanabalan

No. 978

Sanitary Comm-

24.7.14

To

The Sanitary Commission

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 127 dated the 7th July 1914, reporting that Mr. V. L. Mani, Health Officer, Kolar District did not take active steps for the prevention and spread of Cholera in the Kolar District, during March 1914, and stating that your further communication dated the 2nd June 1914, in the matter to the Dy Commr. has as yet brought no reply, I am directed to request you

over.

SUBJECT.

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to be so good as to call for it again
and submit it on receipt.

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List of enclosures,

Copied by

Examined by

Department of Public Health in Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER
WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Bangalore, dated the 29th July 1914.

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No. 549
Enc. 2

From

Rao Bahadur T. V. ARUMUGAM MUDALIAR. Esq., M.B.C.M.,

Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

To

D.M. Narasinga Rao Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl. and Rev. Depts.,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

(Mankar under discussion)

In continuation of my letter No. 127 dated the 7th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No. 5 dated the 28th Ultimo (received in this office on the 6th Instant) from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, stating that owing to the occurrence of an imported case of Plague in the Kolar Town it was considered very necessary that Mr. Manker should stop at Head Quarters. It is curious that Mr. Manker himself does not put forward this explanation but simply states that he was relieved of the duties of Vice President and permitted to go out only on the 16th April 1914 (vide copy of his letter No. 1059 dated the 19th May 1914 attached).

2. On referring to the Health Officer's diaries I find that beyond the isolation of the patient, the segregation of the contacts and the fumigation of the infected house attended to on the 6th April 1914, there is no mention of any steps having been taken subsequent to that date to safeguard the town against a possible recrudescence of Plague.

Department of Public Health in Mysore

From

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
GEN. & REV. DEPTTS.
BANGALORE.

Dated 29 JUL 1914

Despatched

Received

General No. 549
No.

Enclosure No. 2.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of
letter from the Deputy Com-
missioner, Kolar Dist., regarding
the necessity for the detention
of Mr. Manker at Kolar,
filed the 16th April 1914.

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3. Moreover, the first case of Cholera at Peddur in the Chintamani Taluk was reported in the daily return for the 18th March and the imported case of Plague on account of which the Deputy Commissioner reports he had to detain the Health Officer occurred at Kolar on the 6th April 1914. During the interval between these two dates viz. 19 days, neither the Health Officer thought of proceeding to the Cholera affected villages nor did the Deputy Commissioner think of asking him to do so.

4. Under the circumstances the Deputy Commissioner's excuse for detaining the Health Officer can only be regarded, I regret to have to note, as his justification for having allowed Cholera to prevail in a rather severe form in certain villages of the Goribidnur, Chintamani, Bagepalli and Gudibanda Taluks during the months of March and April 1914, carrying away nearly 100 victims.

5. I may note that from the middle of March to the end of June 1914, there were 402 attacks with 260 Deaths from Cholera in the District.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

D. V. M. M. M. M. M.
Sanitary Commissioner.

P.H.

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28th June
Letter No. 5 dated the 2nd July 1914 from
the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District to the Sany.
Commissioner in Mysore.

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Adverting to your letter No. 5192 dated the 2nd Idem, I have the honor to state that the Kolar Town was evacuated on account of Plague in November 1913 and re-occupied in the early part of March 1914, but unfortunately there was again an imported case of Plague in the first week of April 1914 causing some anxiety. It was considered very necessary that Mr. Manker, Health Officer who was in charge of the Office of the Vice President should stop in Kolar to adopt needful measures in connection with this threatened recrudescence in the Head Quarters of the District. As soon as the anxiety on this account ceased and the newly appointed Honorary Vice President assumed charge, the Health Officer was allowed to proceed in the middle of April, to the Cholera infected areas in the District to give necessary attention there.

" Copy "



Sanitary Commissioner.

P.H.

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Letter No. 1059 dated the 20th May 1914 from
the Health Officer, Kolar District to the Sanitary Com

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With reference to your letter No. 4787 dated the
8th May 1914,, I have the honor to submit that I was
only relieved of the duties of the Vice President,
Kolar Municipality and permitted to go out on circuit
|| on the 16th April 1914, since ^{when} I have been moving
about in the Cholera infected Taluks and doing all
that was practicable to prevent the spread of Cholera
Epidemic (vide my letters No. I, Gudibanda, No. I,
Chelur, Nos. II and II, Srinivasapur and Nos. 1023-24
and II, Chintamani dated the 19th April 1914; 23rd
April 1914, 4th May 1914, 5th May 1914 and 16th May
1914 respectively.

I beg to report further that I have received
from Medical Stores on the 19th Instant 400 permanga-
nate pills, Pilularine extract 6 tubes, and 1 Hypoder-
mic syringe; and that I shall proceed to Burudugunta,
Sidlaghatta Taluk, as soon as I receive permanganate
of potash, that has been indented for.

" Copy "

Sanitary Commissioner

Sanitary Commissioner.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 1651

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Sanitary)

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Date of issue 12.8.14

Signed by Mr G. Srinivas Iyer

File No. 8-14

Serial No. 4

No. 1588

Sanitary 8-14-

12.8.14.

To

The Deputy Commissioner

Kolar District

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Sanitary Commissioner has reported that Mr. V. L. Manjunath, Health officer, Kolar District, did not take active steps for the prevention and spread of Cholera in the Kolar District, even after receipt of instructions from him during March 1914, and to request that you will be so good as to explain why Mr. Manjunath was

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SUBJECT.

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not directed to proceed to the

infected villages between the 18th

March & the 6th April 1914 when the

Cholera cases ^{were reported} occurred in the

Avithidam, Chinsaman, Banchalli

and Guibanda taluks.

I have to
~~forward~~

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List of enclosures

Copied by J. J. J. 11-8-14

Examined by

From

P. F. BOWRING ESQUIRE, J. P.,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

To

*The Secretary to the Govern-
ment of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore*

Dated

Genl & Res: Depts -

Despatched

28 Aug: 14 Bangalore

Received

General No. *244*

No.

Enclosure No.

Subject

*Submitting explanation
as to why Mr. Maule's
Health officer, was not
devised to proceed to
the infected villages
between the 18th March
and 6th April 1914
when Cholera cases
were reported from
certain Taluhs in
this District.*

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J. No. 8-14-5

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KOLAR DISTRICT,

Dated Camp

the 28th August 1914.

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FROM

P. F. BOWRING, ESQUIRE., J. P.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

TO

D. M. NARASINGA RAO, Esquire, B.A. B.L.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.,
General and Revenue Departments,

B a n g a l o r e.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.1588--Sany.8-14-4 dated the 12th instant, requesting for an explanation as to why Mr. Manker, Health Officer, was not directed to proceed to the infected villages between the 18th March and 6th April 1914 when cholera cases were reported from certain Taluks in this District, I have the honor to state that as the whole District was free from Cholera on the 1st March 1914, on which date Mr. S. Malhari Rao, non-official Vice-President of the Kolar Municipal Council was relieved of his duties, as per his request, Mr. Manker, Health Officer, was asked by me to look after the Vice-President's duties temporarily in addition to his own, which fact was reported to Government in my letter No.C. 196 dated 10th March 1914. One other reason for so putting the Health Officer in charge was, that just about this time, people were beginning to come back to the town, which had been evacuated owing to the outbreak of Plague and I wanted Mr. Manker to remain at Head-Quarters to properly look after and supervise the disinfection of houses etc and otherwise take needful precautions to guard against a recrudescence.

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2. Information of the first outbreak of Cholera in Peddur village of the Chintamani Taluk was received on the 18th March 1914 and the epidemic was stamped out in that village with 3 attacks and 2 deaths. The next report received was from Maralur in the Goribidnur Taluk on the 25th March 1914, and as the subsequent reports showed that the epidemic was spreading in this and Bagepalli Taluk by the beginning of April 1914, the Health Officer proceeded to Goribidnur on the 2nd idem and issued necessary instructions to the Amildar and the local Sanitary staff in the matter. As he could not himself visit other similarly infected villages at the same time, scattered as they were in different parts of the District, preventive measures had of course to be adopted by the local sanitary staff under the orders of the Amildars concerned. It will thus be seen that everybody was fully alive to the situation and prompt steps were taken to arrest the spread of the disease as far as possible.

3. Again, at Kolar, there was unfortunately an imported case of Plague about the first week of April last after the town had been fully re-occupied and Mr. Manker, I understand, had to stop at Head-Quarters to adopt needful measures.

4. In the meanwhile, orders of Government appointing Mr. C. B. Gopala Rao as non-official Vice President of the Kolar Municipal Council having been received, Mr. Manker was relieved of the duties ^{of the Vice President} and he was asked to go to the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk for Cholera work.

5. I may mention that all possible steps were taken in the matter of bringing the epidemic under control in spite of the fact that the Health Officer was not able to visit the villages himself and I doubt if the result would have been in any way more satisfactory, even if he had, which he

could not do for reasons stated above.,

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

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Deputy Commissioner,

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Kolar District.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 1858

GENERAL AND REVENUE
SECRETARIAT.
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Date of issue.

20.9.14

Signed by _____

Mr M.S. Ramachandra

*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore*

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Letter No. 549 dated the 29th July 14.

from the Smithley Commission

reporting that W. V. L. Green has

~~ORDER THEREON.~~—No.

Head Officer, Kolar District

did not take active steps for the

prevention and spread of cholera

in the Kolen District, during the

month of June 1914.

over.

SUBJECT.

2 [Letter by 24th date to 28th August
1914, from the Dy Commissioner, Kolar Dist.
stating that as the whole district
was free from cholera on the 18th March 14
he ordered Mr. Manker to look after
the Vice-president's duties temporarily
in addition to his own and he was
asked to remain at Head Quarters
to supervise the disinfection of houses
in order to guard against a recurrence of ^{the} plague
and he took prompt steps to
arrest the spread of cholera in some
of the villages in the district in the middle
of March 1914.

order thereon, 29/4-5 Sanitary 8/14-

9.30.9.14.

Recorder.

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16.9.14.

For Mr. Manker to
The Dy Commissioner
15/9/14

- Dy Commissioner, Kolar Dist.